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1. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT AFTER SEEING REFTEL A THAT LANGUAGE SHOULD BE CLARIFIED TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING RIGHTS OF FOREIGN COMPANIES TO OBTAIN LEASES ON THE US OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.

2. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASING REGULATIONS IN 43 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) 3300.1 PROVIDES THAT MINERAL LEASES ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT OF 1953 MAY BE HELD ONLY BY CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE, ASSOCIATIONS OF SUCH CITIZENS, STATES, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF A STATE, OR PRIVATE, PUBLIC, OR MUNICIPAL
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CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES,

OR OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF.

3. ABOVE LANGUAGE WOULD EFFECTIVELY BAR DIRECT
APPLICATION BY FOREIGN COMPANIES FOR US OFFSHORE LEASES.
HOWEVER BY FORMING US SUBSIDIARY COMPANY, REGISTERED UNDER
U.S. LAW, SUBSIDIARY COMPANY BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

FOR OFF-SHORE LEASES. ROGERS

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